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Railroad Museum Gets in the Jazzy Spirit With Music In Museum, On Trains

Free Admission to Sacramento Music Festival Badge Holders

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Coinciding with the 42nd Annual Sacramento Music Festival happening over Memorial Day weekend in Old Sacramento, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum will celebrate the holiday by offering jazz music inside the Railroad Museum and popular train rides behind a vintage steam locomotive. In addition, festival badge holders will receive complimentary admission to the Railroad Museum given it is an official musical venue for the special event.

Inside the museum, visitors will be treated to entertaining jazz musicians in the Roundhouse throughout the holiday weekend, May 23-25, 2015. Guests who choose to take a lovely six-mile, 45-minute round trip excursion train ride along the levees of the Sacramento River will also be entertained on board by talented banjo performers from the Sacramento Banjo Band.

Excursion train rides behind the vintage steam locomotive Granite Rock 10 – that was recently returned to service -- will be offered Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the holiday weekend. Trains depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. all three days from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air gondolas with bench style seating.

Regular admission fees apply all weekend except for Sacramento Music Festival badge holders, who will be admitted free when they show their Festival badge. Excursion steam train ride tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for youths (ages 6-17), are free for ages 5 and under. For passengers desiring a ride aboard a first-class car, tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youths and free for children 5 and under. Excursion steam train rides tickets are available to book online in advance at www.csrmf.org or inperson on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office. For more information, please call 916-323-9280.

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